

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK  
EXAMINING BOARD**

**JULY 21, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.**

**Members Present:** David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,  
Chairperson  
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor  
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor  
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson  
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal  
Keith Flood, Local Fire Marshal

**Members Absent:** Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member  
John Michalewicz – Public Member

**Board Vacancies:** Public member

**DCP Board Staff:** Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Robert Kuzmich, Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** Jonathan A. Harris, Commissioner  
Todd Berch, AT Program Manager, Department of Labor  
David LaFond, NFSA  
John Abbate, Jr., NFSA  
John Livingstone, Local 669  
Joe Cassidy, State Building Inspector  
Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairman, State of CT Plumbing and  
Piping Work Examining Board

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## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board reviewed the June 16, 2016 draft minutes and voted unanimously to accept as amended.

DCP staff will confirm that the correction to the May 19, 2016 minutes regarding the appearance of Chairperson David Waskowicz at the May 12, 2016 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting, as voted upon on June 16, 2016 and reiterated at today's meeting, were in fact made to the final Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board May 19, 2016 meeting minutes according to the Board's vote.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **APPEARANCE BY JOSEPH CASSIDY, STATE BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

A discussion took place with Joseph Cassidy, State Building Official regarding current licensing requirements and State Building Codes related to the installation and maintenance of residential fire sprinkler systems. The Board and Office of the State Building Official will continue to work collaboratively to resolve outstanding issues on this topic going forward so that all parties will be educated and remain informed of any changes in codes or licensing in the future.

## **APPEARANCE BY DCP COMMISSIONER JONATHAN A. HARRIS:**

Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris attended and informed the Board that DCP will be hiring a new director as part of a new enforcement unit. This unit will be housed within the Occupational/Professional Division under Director Richard M. Hurlburt and will include both occupational and home improvement enforcement.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems**

- **Work schedule and related instruction requirements for the P-2 license category documentation**

Previously, the Board requested that the Department of Labor provide this documentation, as well as information on any credit in such work schedule and related instruction that relates to residential fire sprinkler systems in comparison to the F-2 outlines.

DOL Apprenticeship Training Program Manager Todd Berch reviewed with the Board the Plumbing Mechanic (P-2) work schedule and related instruction requirements. David Waskowicz inquired as to whether there is any on job training or classroom instruction related to the fire protection trade included in the P-2 apprenticeship work schedule and classroom instruction schedule. Todd Berch stated that he will look into this further and address the Board with additional information at a later date.

- **F-2 Sprinkler fitter work schedule document**

Board so noted.

- **Roster of P-1/F-1 dual license types**

The Board reviewed the roster and noted that the total number of P-1 and F-1 licensees is 213.

- **Draft regulations for licensure for limited residential fire sprinkler work**

The Board voted unanimously to no longer consider legislation for a limited residential fire sprinkler license.

- ***Plumbing and Mechanical Magazine* article “The Case for Residential Fire Sprinklers”**

Board so noted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

### **DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:**

- 1. The Board will review the complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practice Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.**
- 2. Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, had been invited to attend today’s meeting to provide additional information on Case #2016-81.**

The Board noted that Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices was unable to attend today’s meeting. Richard Maloney will be invited to attend a future meeting.

**COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

**Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board**

The Board recognized Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairman of the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board in the audience. Charles Appleby discussed residential fire sprinkler multipurpose systems from the perspective of a P-2 Unlimited Journeyman license holder.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- **August 18, 2016**
- **September 15, 2016**
- **October 20, 2016**
- **November 17, 2016**

**Meetings held at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Room 117 at 9:00 a.m.**